

# National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



Time Local/ Length Width Persons Damage

Location Date Standard (Miles) (Yards) Killed Injured Property Crops Character of Storm

#### **HAWAII**

HIZ003-005>008

Kauai Leeward - Oahu South Shore - Waianae Coast - Oahu North Shore - Oahu Koolau

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### Maui County

In what has become a rare occurrence in recent months, most of the gages in Maui County reported near to above average rainfall totals. The caveat, though, is that "average" for June at most locations is low; so a decent shower or two will bring the monthly total close to average. For example, the June total for Lahainaluna is 0.16 of an inch. Since the "normal" for the month is only 0.20, this total is 80 percent of that small average. Thus, for 2001 through the end of June, Maui County has been very dry with almost all totals below 50 percent of average.

#### Island of Hawaii

Leeward showers brought some relief to parched areas of Kona and South Kohala in June, especially from the 4th to the 6th. For the month of June, as a matter of fact, gages in the Kona districts reported near average rainfall. However, cumulative rainfall totals for the first six months of 2001 showed that most locations in the southern and western parts of the Big Island were in the 40 to 60 percent of average range.

The following list contains rainfall statistics for selected locations from Maui County and the island of Hawaii where there have been drought conditions. The first column is the observed rainfall for June. The second column is the 30-year average for each location, while the third column lists the percent of average for the month. The fourth and fifth columns are the year-to-date totals and percent of average, respectively.

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	June 01	Avg.	%Avg.	YTD	%Avg.
Maui					
Kihei	0.00	0.10	0	0.59	6
Lahainaluna	0.16	0.20	80	1.23	1 0
Kula	1.09	1.10	99	5.94	34
Ulupalakua	1.48	1.90	78	7.32	36
Molokai					
Kaunakakai	0.46	0.30	153	1.97	20
Kamalo	1.29	1.30	99	8.88	45
Lanai					
Lanai City	2.62	1.40	187	8.27	38
Island of Hawaii					
Honaunau	5.99	7.00	86	14.40	45
Kamuela (Upper)	2.14	3.00	71	11.89	37
Waiaha	6.10	8.60	71	15.26	42
Kahua Ranch	0.80	4.30	19	9.25	21
Kealakekua	5.72	8.20	70	16.60	46

Drought conditions in parts of the Aloha State continue to harm agricultural and ranching interests. Some ranchers are wondering whether they should stay in the cattle business and are looking for other options. This includes Kahua Ranch, which will be the site of a wind farm being developed by Kahua Power Partners to generate 10 megawatts of electricity for the Big Island grid



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June 2001 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Persons Width Damage **HAWAII** HIZ004-008 Kauai Mountains - Oahu Koolau 0800HST 1800HST 0 0 **High Surf** A trade wind swell produced surf of 4 to 6 feet along the east-facing shores of the island of Hawaii. **Honolulu County** Kahuku to 05 Urban/Sml Stream Fld 0535HST 0 Kaneohe Heavy showers caused ponding of roadways and minor stream and drainage ditch flooding in windward sections of Oahu. No serious property damage or injuries were reported. **Maui County** Maunaloa to 05 **Urban/Sml Stream Fld** Lanai City Heavy showers and thunderstorms produced minor stream and drainage ditch flooding and ponding of roadways on the islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Maui. Also, small hail was reported at 3500-feet elevation near Olinda in Upcountry Maui. However, no serious injuries or property damage were reported. **Honolulu County** Honolulu to Wahiawa 05 0 Flash Flood An upper air low north of the Hawaiian Islands generated heavy showers and thunderstorms from southeast Oahu to central parts of the isle. Several roadways flooded to depths of 2 to 3 feet. Fast-moving water carried debris--mud and small rocks--onto a portion of the H-1 Freeway, closing two of three west-bound lanes for a few hours in the middle and later afternoon. High-velocity water flow caused similar problems in Makiki Heights, Nuuanu, and Pearl City, according to county civil defense officials The heavy rains were likely a contributing factor in the death of a 50-year-old woman and the injury of a man in a collision between two vehicles on the H-2 Freeway near Mililani. The woman's car crossed a landscaped highway divider on the slick roadway and crashed into an oncoming van, injuring the male driver. The woman died at the scene. Along with flash-flood conditions, small hail was reported at sea level at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii near Kaneohe. Lastly, lightning strikes knocked out power for more than 3500 customers of Hawaiian Electric. Kauai County Countywide 1900HST 0 Urban/Sml Stream Fld Heavy showers caused minor stream and drainage ditch flooding and ponding of roadways. There were no reports of injuries or serious property damage. HIZ001 Niihau 0700HST **High Surf** 1600HST A trade wind swell generated surf of 4 to 6 feet along the east-facing shores of Kauai HIZ001>006-008 Niihau - Kauai Windward - Kauai Leeward - Kauai Mountains - Oahu South Shore - Waianae Coast - Oahu Koolau 0900HST 11 13 0 **High Surf** 

1200HST



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June 2001 Path Length (Miles) Time Local/ Path Width Number of Estimated Persons Damage **HAWAII** A swell caused by a storm low in the Southern Hemisphere, in combination with a trade wind swell, produced surf of 4 to 6 feet along the south- and east-facing shores of all the Hawaiian Islands. HIZ004-008 Kauai Mountains - Oahu Koolau 0800HST **High Surf** 1800HST A trade wind swell caused surf of 4 to 6 feet along the east-facing shores of the island of Hawaii. **HIZ002** Kauai Windward 1300HST 1900HST **High Surf** A trade wind swell produced surf of 4 to 6 feet along the east-facing shores of Oahu. HIZ002 Kauai Windward 1000HST **High Surf** A trade wind swell generated surf of 4 to 6 feet along the east-facing shores of Oahu. **Honolulu County** 1800HST 2100HST .5 NE Kaneohe 22 0 Wild/Forest Fire A brush fire seared more than 30 acres of dry grassland near Marine Corps Base Hawaii. However, no serious property damage or injuries were reported. **Honolulu County** .5 S Waianae Wild/Forest Fire 23 1700HST 0 A fire burned more than 40 acres of brush in the vicinity of Mailiili Road just south of Waianae. The fire came within 100 yards of the Waianae Comprehensive Health Center and within 50 yards of three nearby homes. However, no residents were evacuated; and no serious injuries or property damage were otherwise reported. HIZ001>005-008 Niihau - Kauai Windward - Kauai Leeward - Kauai Mountains - Oahu South Shore - Oahu Koolau 25 27 **High Surf** A trade wind swell caused surf of 5 to 8 feet along the east-facing shores of all the islands except Lanai